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Letters

Posner's reputation for using disinformation

A June 10 letter to the editor by Tom Moore complains about ABC's choice of commentator — Vladimir Posner. I am an avid listener to international broadcasts on shortwave bands. Until I started reading The Washington Times, I got more information quicker about foreign affairs from the BBC and VOA every night. When the news is boring, and I want a laugh, I tune to Radio Moscow.

Anyone who regularly listens to Radio Moscow will instantly know who Mr. Posner is. He has his own daily commentary show on Radio Moscow, "Vladimir Posner and His Daily Talk." He discusses the different lifestyles of the Soviet Union and the United States. He grew up in New York, where his parents were Soviet officials, but he is anything but an unbiased KGB-disinformation expert. His Americanized English makes him a prime target for the networks, just like the ever popular Georgi Arbatov.

It would be interesting to read an analysis of his past talks and confront the networks with reality. I'm sure there is an office in our government that has transcripts of foreign broadcasts for research.

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